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SUBJECT: LAO-GDR RELATIONS

1. EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR JARCK TOLD US FEBRUARY 24
THAT THE GDR DELEGATION WHICH HAS JUST COMPLETED A
VISIT TO LAOS HAD SIGNED THREE AGREEMENTS WITH THE LAO.
ONE WAS A BASIC COMMERCIAL ACCORD ESTABLISHING PRO-
CEDURES FOR CONDUCTING TRADE, MAKING PAYMENTS, ETC.,
BUT NOT SETTING ANY PARTICULAR LEVEL OR TYPE OF TRADE.
THE SECOND WAS AN AGREEMENT SETTING THE CONDITIONS
UNDER WHICH EAST GERMAN EXPERTS WOULD COME TO LAOS AND
LAO STUDENTS WOULD GO FOR TRAINING TO THE GDR. THE
THIRD WAS A MORE SPECIFIC ACCORD UNDER WHICH THE GDR
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WOULD STAFF AND EQUIP FOUR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTERS
IN VIENTIANE WHICH WOULD TEACH SUCH SUBJECTS AS DRESS-
MAKING AND BICYCLE REPAIR. (OTHER SOURCES HAVE TOLD US
THE FIRST CENTER WOULD OPEN IN JUNE 1978.)

2. A WESTERN SOURCE HAS SAID THAT THE EAST GERMANS HAD
ALSO PROMISED "TECHNICAL AND CAPITAL AID."

3. JARCK SAID THAT HE AND THE DELEGATION HAD BEEN TAKEN SOUTH BY THE LAO TO PAKSE AND THE BOLOVENS PLATEAU. THE OBJECT OF THE TRIP WAS TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITIES FOR EAST GERMAN AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE. JARCK SAID THATEVEN THOUGH GDR AGRICULTURE WAS CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT IN SIZE AND TYPE OF CROPS FROM THAT IN LAOS, THERE WAS A TROPICAL AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE AT LEIPZIG WHICH MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE LPDR WITH TECHNICAL AID IN COFFEE CULTIVATION. THE EAST GERMANS WERE STILL WAITING, HOWEVER, FOR A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FROM THE LAO.
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